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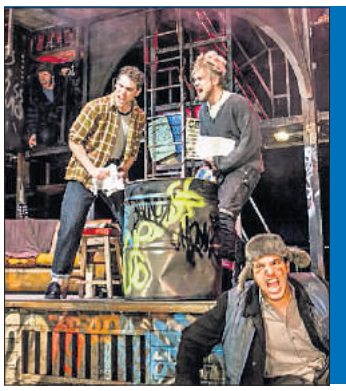

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MPs' concerns over possibility of busy hospital site being turned into a unit for 'elderly and frail'

'SECRET PLAN' FEARS FOR A&E

Report by **Ollie Cowan**

A GROUP of local MPs fear health chiefs are drawing up a 'secret plan' to downgrade Southport Hospital's accident and emergency unit which is used by patients from throughout West Lancashire.

West Lancs MP, Rosie Cooper, has united with her counterparts from Southport and Formby to help bring health bosses to account over rumoured plans to downgrade the Town Lane site by 'fixing the figures.'

And despite data showing that the Southport A&E unit is one of the busiest accident and emergency centres in the North West, Ms Cooper has warned that this will not stop a potential downgrading.

If the plans were passed under the Sustainability and Transformation Plan for Cheshire and Merseyside, it could see the Southport and Omrskirk NHS Hospital Trust have its A&E facility downgraded into a 'elderly and frail unit' instead.

Speaking to the Champion, Ms Cooper said: "The fundamental problem with Sustainability and Transformation Plans is from the beginning they were put together in secret. Local residents have been totally excluded from the decision-making processes.

Data shows the A&E unit at Southport Hospital is one of the busiest in the North West

"And still, NHS bosses have failed to adequately explain what they mean by 'downgrading'. What the term means in NHS management speak and what local residents and I understand it to mean can be completely different.

"Publishing this information without any explanation has led to anxiety and distress about the future of local health services.

"It also adds further pressure and begins to destabilise our local hospitals at a time when they are already under incredible pressure.

"This whole situation highlights the lack of accountability we now have within the NHS. Bosses seem to believe they can do as they please with taxpayer-funded services and don't have to answer to anyone.

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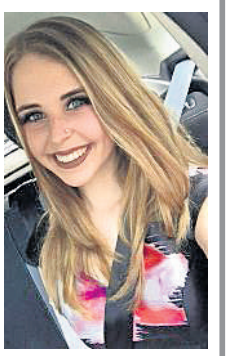
"I am obviously concerned about the future of the hospital and will be expressing my concerns when I meet with the chief executive of NHS Improvement in the coming weeks."

In response, Therese Patten, chief operating officer for Southport and Ormskirk NHS Trust, said: "Any proposals, especially in respect of changes to A&E, would need a strong clinical evidence base, as well as benefiting our patients in terms of quality and safety.

"They would also need to be sustainable and require public engagement and statutory consultation."

Family's campaign for star Ed to 'sing a song for Hannah'

THE family of inspirational cancer battler Hannah Lyson are appealing for a global star to perform one of his number one hits in her memory.



Hannah Lyson

Hannah campaigned to raise awareness of bowel and liver cancer before sadly losing her own personal battle with the disease when she passed away aged just 20 at home in Burscough last month.

Now her cousin, Georgia Creighton, has launched an appeal on social media site Facebook asking Hannah's loved ones and blog followers to share her online bid to ask Ed Sheeran to dedicate his performance of his song, *Photograph*, to Hannah at his Manchester show in April, to further raise awareness of how bowel cancer can affect young people.

The song has special significance for the family as it was Hannah and boyfriend Paul Healey's favourite and was played at Hannah's Disney-themed funeral.

To date more than 1,000 people have shared the post which has also been 'liked' by hundreds in an effort to help it catch the singer-songwriter's attention.

Georgia said: "Although our lovely Hannah sadly lost her battle to bowel cancer at just 20 years old, she wanted to save lives and give other young people the strength and courage to fight this horrible illness and made it into papers all across the world before she fell to sleep.

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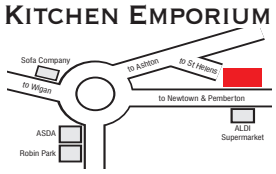

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Council teams up with property companies to provide affordable homes to rent or buy

WEST Lancs Council has teamed up with two property companies to develop new affordable homes in Hesketh Bank and Burscough.

The authority has been working with the Regenda Group to develop 14 new properties for affordable rent and sale in Chapel Road, Hesketh Bank.

These are expected to be completed by May and comprise four two–bedroom houses, four three-bedroom houses and six two-bedroom apartments.

The houses will be available for shared ownership sale through Redwing Living, part of the Regenda Group, while the apartments will be available for rent.

The council has nomination rights for the rental apartments, and initial preference will be given to those with connections to the Hesketh Bank area.

The authority has also arranged with Taylor Wimpey Homes to provide five two-bedroomed houses for affordable rent at Delph Drive, Burscough, which are expected to be completed between April and May.

Regenda Homes, part of the Regenda Group, will own and manage these houses.

A computer generated image of the Hesketh Bank development

The council has nomination rights for three of the homes while the remaining two will be allocated directly by Regenda Homes.

Councillor Jennifer Patterson, West Lancs Council's cabinet member for housing and inclusion, said: "The council has made a commitment to providing affordable housing. The development of these homes is another example of how we are delivering that promise to people in our communities."

The rented apartments in Hesketh Bank and the three new homes in Burscough will be advertised on HomeFinder, the council's letting scheme. People will need to be registered with HomeFinder so they can bid for properties. Information on how to register is also available on the council website at www.westlancshomefinder.co.uk.

Residents interested in these properties are advised to check the website regularly as they will be advertised soon.

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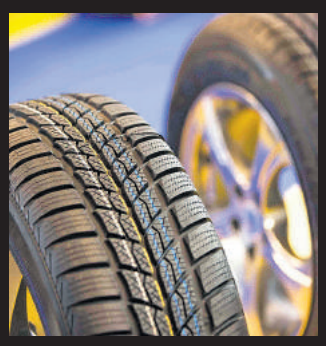

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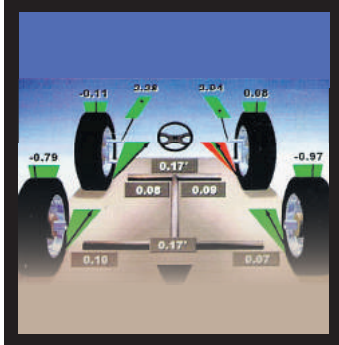

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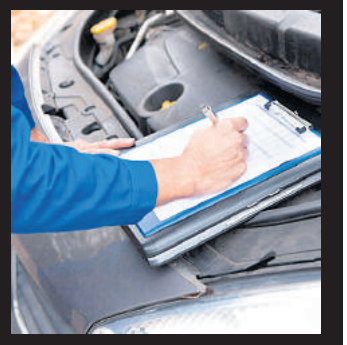

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Family's 'sing a song for Hannah' plea to star Ed

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"*Photograph* was played at the funeral as it was Hannah and Paul's 'special' song.

"As a family we want to keep Hannah's legacy alive and spread awareness and it would be great if Ed could play his song for Hannah. We're sure it would help to increase awareness of bowel cancer which was what Hannah wanted to do."

Following her initial diagnosis in May last year, aspiring air hostess Hannah created her blog, 'A Worthwhile Adventure' to document her treatment plan and the huge range of emotions that she was feeling.

Her words inspired thousands of people and despite her ongoing battle she continued to strive to record all aspects of her treatment, as well as giving regular live updates on her diagnosis and raising thousands of pounds for the Teenage Cancer Trust.

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Concerned motorist labels road junction 'a death trap'

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A MOTORIST who witnessed a collision between two vehicles at a West Lancs road junction where roadworks had recently been carried out has labelled it "a fatality waiting to happen."

Fortunately the accident at the junction of the A577 Wigan Road with Dick's Lane in Westhead, only resulted in minor injuries being suffered by a motorcyclist who collided with the side of a Mercedes.

But Barry Clark, who witnessed the crash, believes it is only a matter of time before someone is seriously injured or killed at the spot.

The 67-year-old production manager from Ashurst drives along Wigan Road every day on his way to and from work.

He says the problem is that following recent roadworks the road markings signifying the end of Dick's Lane where vehicles should give way to traffic on Wigan Road have been obscured by new tarmac. This extends out into Wigan Road resulting, he believes, in drivers approaching the junction mistakenly thinking they are safe to drive up to the edge of the tarmac.

Barry says he first noticed that Dick's Lane had been resurfaced by Lancashire County Council three weeks ago but that the road markings hadn't been replaced.

The father-of-four believed this was "an accident waiting to happen" and his fears were confirmed on Wednesday, February 15 when he was horrified to witness the collision when a Ducati motorbike being ridden along Wigan Road collided with the side of a Mercedes C220 waiting to emerge from Dick's Lane.

Barry says the policy of allowing the tarmac to be extended into the main road and left for weeks without extra warning signs or re-painting of the road markings, means the junction is a potential "death trap".

John Rimmer illustrates how far drivers are emerging into Wigan Road from Dick's Lane as a result of the lack of road markings or signs

And his view is shared by West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper who believes the incident "highlights serious concerns" that need to be tackled immediately.

Meanwhile, John Rimmer, one of the managers of Automotive 102 on Wigan Road said that there "have been no accidents for years and now there are two or three near-misses every day."

Barry Clark said: "It's been going on for weeks. I've seen cars waiting on Dick's Lane with no idea that they are sticking out dangerously far into the road.

"I've seen a number of near-misses and for weeks I've been thinking, that's a death trap and a fatal accident just waiting to happen.

"I was horrified to see the accident last week. I thought the bike rider had been killed and was relieved the injuries were not as serious as I feared.

"The cause of the crash was definitely a combination of the lack of road markings, the misleading tarmac edge and no warning signs.

"The council needs to finish a job as serious as this straight away. It's awful to think that someone could be killed by such a stupid mistake."

Rosie Cooper told the Champion: "The incidents at Dick's Lane have highlighted serious consequences for motorists and require the council to consider how they manage these works in the future.

"I believe that the road markings should be reinstated immediately or road signs used until the new markings can be painted. There are more vehicles on our roads than ever before. The highways authorities need to ensure that all necessary action is taken for our roads to meet the legal requirements to be as safe as possible."

John Rimmer commented: "There's not been an accident here in years but since it was resurfaced we see near-misses every single day – sometimes three."

A spokesman for Lancashire County Council said: "We haven't been made aware of any incidents following the recent repairs. However, the road markings at this junction are due to be replaced later this week."

Lancashire Constabulary confirmed that officers attended a collision at the scene on February 15 which resulted in a motorcyclist going to hospital with minor injuries.

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Councillors urged to solve residents' parking dilemma

Sheltered housing development has 41 properties but spaces for just two cars!

RESIDENTS at a town-centre sheltered housing complex have called on their local ward councillors to help them with a parking problem.

The Queens Court retirement development in Aughton Street, Ormskirk comprises 41 flats and bunglows - but with only two designated parking spaces!

As a result, residents of the council-managed complex are forced to use the on-street parking in Aughton Street, which is only available for a maximum of three hours to Blue Badge holders.

And following a recent spate of parking tickets being given to residents, chair of the Queens Court Residents' Association, Frank Jones, called for a meeting with Knowsley ward councillors Nikki Hennessy and Adam Yates to discuss the issue.

Councillor Hennessy said: "We were very sorry to hear about the problems residents have been having, but we were grateful to them for inviting us along and taking the time to explain in detail how their lives are being affected.

"Issues such as this can have a big impact on residents, many of whom have mobility issues and so are unable to walk far to reach their vehicles.

"It also causes problems for care workers visiting the property and makes it difficult for family members to visit as frequently as they would like.

"Following the meeting, I got straight on to West Lancs Borough Council, who are responsible for the tenants' parking spaces, and Lancashire County Council regarding the on-street parking, and we are now in discussions about making improvements to the arrangements for Queens Court.

Happy to help...Knowsley ward councillors Nikki Hennessy and Adam Yates outside Queens Court retirement development

"I'd like to thank Frank Jones and all of the residents for their very friendly welcome and I can assure them we will keep working on this until we get the improvements made."

A spokesman for Lancashire County Council said: "We're aware of the concerns which have been raised and our highways engineers are due to meet County Councillor Hennessy to discuss the issue further."

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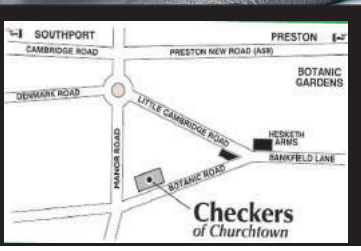

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Dave takes to 'fat bike' to tackle 'Italian Job'!

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A CYCLING enthusiast who raised more than £12,000 for charity by completing a Tour de France challenge on a Raleigh Chopper is hoping to set another first - by completing the Italian version of the tour on a 'fat' bike!

Dave Sims completed the gruelling 2,000-mile Tour de France course on an adapted children's bicycle in 2015, even receiving a message of encouragement en route from two–times winner of the famous event, Chris Froome en route.

And his marathon effort raised funds for the Help for Heroes charity, which cares for ex-servicemen and women and their families.

Now the 38–year–old from Halsall is set to test his limits again bytackling the gruelling 2,400 mile annual Giro D'Italia race, taking in both the Dolomites and Alps mountain ranges, over 21 stages in May.

And he is undertaking the race on a 'fat bike', so named because of the 3.8 inch-wide tyres which are designed to allow riding on soft, unstable terrain. The challenge will take in both road and off-road segments.

Dave Sims with his 'fat bike' and support vehicle

Dave is hoping that his latest challenge - jokingly named The Italian Job - will raise at least £10,000 for Help For Heroes.

He said: "It's another challenge that is going to push me to the limit. The bike is even more striking than the chopper. And it'll need to be at its best for the wide variety of technical challenges I'll face.

"I know I'll need all the help I can get. It's the toughest challenge of my life. I just hope I can repay the faith my sponsors and supporters have put in me!"

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Writers raise £500-plus for hospice with support of local businesses

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A GROUP of local wordsmiths have put their writing talents to good use for a worthy cause by raising more than £500 for the Queenscourt Hospice.

Members of the Tarleton Creative Writing Group, who meet every Thursday at the village library in Market Square, decided to produce a compilation of their work.

The result was a booklet, entitled *Tarleton Tale Tellers,* consisting of a mix of short stories, poems and a quiz.

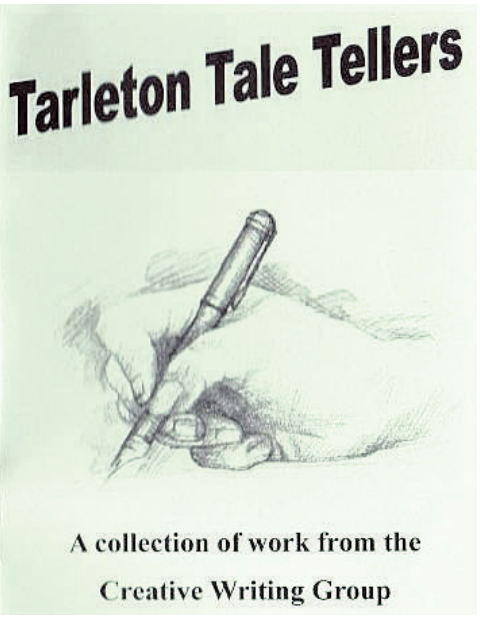
They then sold copies for £2 each at a special one-day event held at Booths supermarket in Hesketh Bank with proceeds going to the hospice in Town Lane, Kew which provides care and support for people from West Lancs, Southport and Formby with serious and life-limiting illnesses.

A number of the booklets were also donated to the hospice to sell in their charity shops in West lancashire and Southport and West Lancs.

To date the sales have raised more than £500 and members of the group plan to present a cheque for the final total to Queenscourt's community fundraiser, Julie McAdam, at Tarleton library on Thursday (February 23).

Anne Wynne-Jones from the Tarleton Creative Writing Group said: "On behalf of the group I would like to thank all those people who made it possible for us to raise a substantial sum for Queenscourt Hospice.

"We are grateful to the library staff, who enable us to meet there every Thursday morning; the financial backing from local businesses who willingly paid for the production of the booklets; and the staff at Booths who encouraged us to sell our wares in the foyer of the supermarket.



The front cover of the Tarleton Creative Writing Group's fundraising booklet

"We met so many lovely people who were interested in our booklet and were very keen to support the hospice in its most important and necessary work.

"We are delighted to be able to send a substantial donation to Queenscourt and I hope that readers will support the traders who enthusiastically championed our venture, Clare's Barbers, Crème de la Crème delicatessen, The DIY shop, Elaine Frances, Libra Health foods, Johnson's the Butchers, Pretty Peas fruit and veg, the Village Dry Cleaners and the Window Box."

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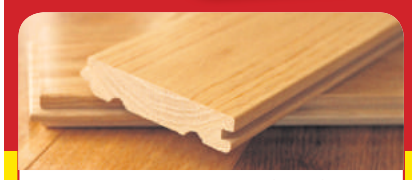

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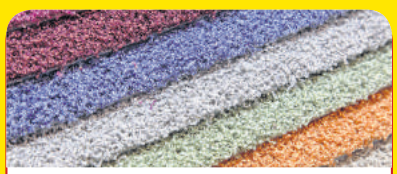

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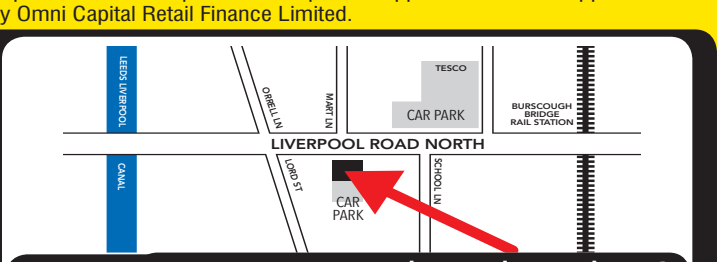

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Dr Stephen Gaduzo

How do people take the test?

The kit comes with clear step-by-step instructions. You can find out more at www.cruk.org.uk/beclearoncancer

What happens if the test shows blood in the sample?

You should get your test results in the post within two weeks. If your test result is normal, you'll receive your next test kit in the post in two years. If the test shows any blood in your poo, you'll be invited to the hospital for a further test. The letter will explain all the details.

It's important to remember that if there is blood in your poo, it doesn't mean it will turn out to be cancer. There could be many reasons for it. But if it is cancer, catching it at an early stage means it is much easier to treat successfully. Diagnosing cancer early is one of the most powerful ways to beat it.

Why is bowel cancer screening important?

Bowel cancer is the fourth most common cancer in the UK and the risk of developing bowel cancer gets higher as you get older. Bowel cancer screening has been shown to reduce the risk of dying from the disease. It's your choice whether or not to do bowel screening, and you should read the information provided with the test kit to help you decide. I recommend people take the test.

If you have questions, visit www.cruk.org.uk/beclearoncancer or call NHS Freephone on 0800 707 60 60.

"I'm glad I took the test"

Norbert Lawson

Norbert Lawson, 72, from Stockport, was a bit unsure about the bowel screening test when he first received it through the post but he'd read about it in the paper and thought it was probably something he should do.

Norbert's test found tiny traces of blood in his poo, so he was invited to the hospital for a further test. The follow-up test found a small growth in his bowel, but it wasn't cancerous. The hospital removed the growth, as these growths can sometimes develop into cancer later on.

Norbert said "I was treated with the greatest respect and dignity at the hospital. I'm glad I did the test and I'd recommend others to take part in bowel cancer screening."

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Report for county council looks at how public services could be reformed

LANCASHIRE County Council has published a report into how public services could be reformed.

The report, produced for the council by professional services firm PwC, suggests how services could work together more efficiently, focusing on individuals and the neighbourhoods they live in, while tackling the financial challenges facing the sector.

The proposals stem from the recognition that all public sector organisations face major financial challenges and a new approach is needed to help improve the health and prosperity of Lancashire residents.

Under the model set out in the report, local councils and health service organisations would pool funding and work together to prevent problems and promote wellbeing rather than reacting to health or social care issues.

Speaking about the report, which will go to the meeting of the full council tomorrow (Thursday, February 23), council leader County Councillor Jennifer Mein, said: "The county council faces the greatest financial challenge in its history, a challenge so great that within a couple of years we will not have the money to deliver the statutory services we must deliver by law. And we know that other public bodies, including councils and health services, are also facing unprecedented financial difficulties.

County Councillor Jennifer Mein

"This report offers a detailed analysis of the current situation and an innovative vision of how public services across Lancashire could work together to deliver more efficient services, designed around the individual in their neighbourhood, focused on preventing problems rather than reacting to them.

"We will need some time to properly consider these proposals. The ideas in the report would also have significant implications for other public sector organisations, who will also need time to consider them. We can then establish whether there is a consensus among partners to move forwards together.

"This is a very radical model that could enable us to collectively save money and provide services much more efficiently but would still leave a significant funding gap for the county. The one thing I can say with absolute certainty is that doing nothing to address this funding crisis is simply not an option."

The report builds on the conclusions of a workshop held by PwC in October 2016, attended by senior leaders from the county's public sector organisations.

There was broad agreement at the meeting for a need to think beyond organisational boundaries and structures to tackle the challenges faced by increasing demands of an ageing population.

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THE lucky three winners in the Champion's *Thoroughly Modern Millie* competition for a pair of tickets to see the show at the Liverpool Empire on Monday, February 20 were as follows: Helen Boyers from Ormskirk, April Ashton from Aintree and Tony Feehan from Southport.

Cathedral date

THE Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Liz Savage and her consort, Councillor Noel Delaney, will attend the Annual Civic Mass to be celebrated by Archbishop Malcolm McMahon at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool on Sunday, February 26 from 10.30am.

Poster campaign aims to highlight village speeding concerns

SAFETY-conscious youngsters have teamed up with a parish council to highlight speeding issues in a West Lancashire village.

Residents of Heyescroft, a cul-de-sac in Bickerstaffe, held a meeting with members of Bickerstaffe Parish Council to discuss problems experienced with speeding cars on their estate.

Families living there, whose children play on the grass island, have seen near misses when some drivers roar past in the normally quiet area.

Bickerstaffe is one of more than 300 communities across the UK that have joined the non-profit campaign organisation 20's Plenty, which puts pressure on local councils to impose 20mph limits on residential streets.

The organisation campaigns for 20mph to become the default speed limit on residential and urban streets as statistically, 80% of pedestrians hit by cars at speeds of 20mph will live, a figure which reduces drastically at higher speeds.

The parish council held a competition for children in the area to design a 20's Plenty poster to highlight the campaign which was won by keen young artist Eden Hislop for her snail-themed creation.

Bickerstaffe Parish Council chairman Hilary Rosbotham presented Eden with her prize of a watercolour kit, at the event.

Parish clerk, Jackie Smith, said: "A speed of 20 mph is fast enough because statistically if a child is hit by a vehicle travelling at 20 mph, they would have a much better chance of survival than if hit by a vehicle travelling faster - the lower the speed the better their chances."

Eden Hislop, with her entry, pictured receiving her prize for winning Bickerstaffe Parish Council's 20's Plenty poster competition

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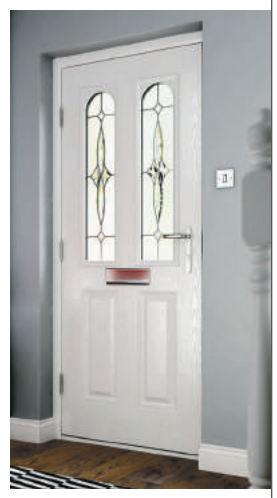

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A spokesman for Lancashire Police said: "The baseball cap is part of an updated and more practical police uniform being issued to all officers.

"This includes a new soft-shell black jacket, black body armour, lightweight high-vis jacket and new black shirts. It will see us move away from the traditional custodian helmets and flat hats issued to all male officers and bowler hats for female officers.

"Baseball caps will become the standard head wear for all operational officers. They have a level of protection built in, much like a cycle helmet, and are a practical option to protect our officers whilst undertaking the modern and complex demands placed upon them.

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Rural businesses suffering because of 'unfair' rates system

Report by **Henry James**

Call for urgent review of 'flawed' process

BUSINESSES in rural areas are suffering because of an "unfair" rates system, according to the Country Land and Business Association (CLA).

And the organisation, which represents owners of land, property and businesses in rural England and Wales, is calling for an urgent review of the "flawed" process.

Ross Murray

The CLA has set out an action plan for Treasury ministers to avert what it termed the impending business rates crisis.

President, Ross Murray, said: "Rural businesses are suffering because of a clumsy and unfair rates system. From April, thousands of businesses will see dramatic increases in their rates bill, a problem exacerbated by the political decision to delay revaluation by two years.

"Ministers appear to have a tin ear to this problem and it is not good enough.

"That is why we are setting out an action plan that ministers could adopt as soon as the next Budget on March 8, going some way to defuse a looming rural economic crisis."

In a letter to Treasury chief secretary, David Gauke, the CLA has set out five decisions the government could make immediately, which it says would reduce the burden on businesses, and prevent the damaging situation that many are facing now from ever happening again.

1. Remove the cliff edge. Some of the businesses worst affected by the 2017 revaluation are those whose rateable value has moved from below the 100% rateable relief threshold, to a rateable value above the new threshold. This is a dramatic change in business costs that could threaten their viability. To prevent this, businesses that were exempt under the 2016 Small Business Rate Relief should remain exempt under the 2017 scheme even if their new value has taken them over the threshold.

2. Remove the ban on businesses with multiple properties qualifying for Small Business Rates Relief. Ministers can end the arbitrary discrimination felt by many small rural businesses that are excluded from qualification for 100% rate relief simply because their business includes more than one property.

3. Remove the requirement to pay for appeals for worst affected. Ministers should remove the requirement to pay for an appeal from equine businesses, livestock markets, self-catering accommodation, golf courses and events locations and any other business whose rates rise is a result of a 'scheme" valuation rather than where the Valuation Office Agency has undertaken an individual valuation.

4. Remove rates liability for empty buildings in rural areas. Where properties are unoccupied the property owner is required to pay the rates bill. The grace period is short - only three months for commercial buildings and six months for industrial. This significant cost, at a time when the property is creating no revenue, severely harms the ability to make necessary investments. Grace periods in rural areas should be extended to a minimum of two years to reflect the slower uptake of new property in rural areas.

5. Deliver right, first-time valuations in rural areas. Review the approach to valuation of property, especially in rural areas, to ensure valuations are accurate based on local circumstances and not based on regionally estimated benchmarks.

West Lancs College student a finalist at national education awards

A WEST Lancashire College student was a finalist at the prestigious British Education Awards in Covent Garden, London.

Former Burscough Priory High School pupil, Hannah Fairclough, was nominated in the Vocational Category for her "focus and determination" during her Public Services BTEC National Diploma Level 3 programme at the college in Skemersdale.

The awards event - the first of its kind - honours students from across the UK for exemplary academic and extracurricular achievement.

Hannah joined the course part way through the academic year and with the support of the college and her course tutors she has excelled on the programme.

The college has said Hannah's motivation and outstanding competence levels in her studies has resulted in her being on target to the necessary grades in September with a view to progress to the University of Nottingham to study a BA in criminology.

Mike Cooney, public services tutor at West Lancashire College, said: "We are extremely proud of Hannah for this fabulous achievement, she has worked so hard and deserves this recognition. Well done, Hannah!"

Hannah Fairclough

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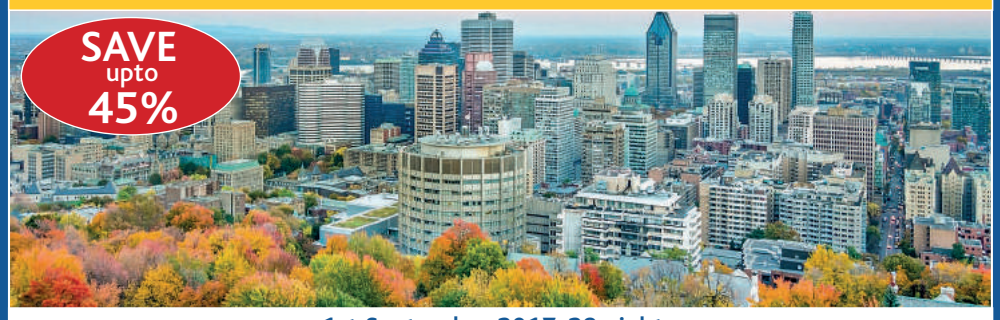
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Champion LETTERS to the Editor

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Privatisation not health tourism is biggest threat to future of NHS

IN reply to P Marshall's letter (February 15) regarding health tourism of our NHS.

Health tourism is not the reason our NHS is failing and in crisis. I would argue that the government have made a political choice to destabilise the NHS and prime it for privatisation - in short, the forced drift to privatisation of the NHS, as purposely designed by the Health and Social Care Act 2010.

I am afraid we are, at a pace now, moving towards an USA model of health care. Private companies such as, Virgin Care do not invest in the NHS they take out for profit.

I would ask everyone to check out what professor of public health research and policy at the London School of Medicine, Allyson Pollock, has to say. She lays out not only the legislation 'facts' but also the ideology and agenda behind the 'enabling' of independent providers to procure contracts for NHS provision - namely full-blown privatisation and commercialisation, which, in time, is purposely designed to erode the principles of comprehensive care free at the point of use. This is all available via U Tube.

In the USA 645,000 people a year go bankrupt over medical bills.

It's also worth mentioning that the USA model is responsible for 45,000 preventable deaths a year. Medical costs wealthy Jeremy Hunt will have no problem paying when his family get sick.

The government have created a narrative that does not tell the truth - we're living longer, an ageing population, GPs are at fault, health tourism - when the real truth is, they won't invest.

They do, however, have a solution and that solution is privatisation.

In a civilised society health care should be a basic human right not the property of the rich.

We have a choice - fight for our NHS or our children will rue the day we allowed this government to take our NHS away.

Joe Welsh, Tanhouse, Skelmersdale

Checks should be made to stop abuse of our free emergency treatment

I DIDN'T see the 'Hospital' programme commented on by your correspondent (Letters, February 15) but my experience of having been in hospital abroad may be relevant.

I was taken ill and rushed to hospital in France a few years ago. I received excellent treatment and it cost me nothing on the spot.

But although the staff stabilised my condition and took me to a ward, by the following day I was being quizzed about my insurance arrangements and I was made to feel very glad I had them all in place.

I was only discharged after negotiations with the finance office and getting the insurer to fax confirmation of intention to pay all costs above those covered by my EHIC card.

This was in Europe, long before Brexit, where reciprocal arrangements were in force.

It's not rocket science for immigration officers at points of entry to refuse entry to anyone who can't show evidence of sufficient health insurance cover (£1million seems to be standard for leaving these shores) or for administrative staff at hospitals to be tasked with getting insurance details confirmed and payment agreed by the insurer before significant treatment is given.

A threshold level could be set below which it would be uneconomical to pursue payment, but it's not fair on us UK taxpayers to have to pay for people who come here solely to get free treatment because they know the NHS won't chase them up.

To come here expecting free emergency treatment without insurance at best looks reckless.

To come knowing they will be seeking treatment without proper financial provision to pay for it is at best barefaced cheek and may stray into the territory of fraud, I would have thought.

Jeremy Leffler, by email

PICTURE of the week

A setting winter sun bathes Southport's Marine Lake in a golden glow. Picture by Martyn Snape.

Better infrastructure needed before any major influx of new homes in Aughton

I RESPOND to the Aughton resident (Champion, February 8) who so vehemently questioned planning policy for the Parrs Lane area.

I am a resident too, not a councillor, but it does seem patently obvious to me significant changes to road provision must be made before additional properties are added.

Town Green Lane and Long Lane are both barely coping with existing traffic.

The junctions around Town Green School are already especially dangerous when children arrive and depart.

This is complicated by access for the surgery and both Town Green and Aughton Park stations.

Other matters need to be resolved e.g. losing fields which contribute to flood control. Can the Alt take even more waste water? Ask those Dyers Lane residents who were flooded out.

You are quite right we need to build homes, particularly at starter level, but until plans are accompanied by adequate infrastructure provision this type of large-scale building will make existing problems impossible to cope with.

Specifically attacking Labour councillors on this subject is bizarre. Read David Westley's views on the subject, I have.

Incidentally, the current Housing Strategy (2014-2019) and West Lancashire Local Plan 2012-2027 were both lanuched during a Conservative-controlled council.

J. Lennon, Aughton

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Thanks to Woodlands for all their good work and my relaxing new companion!

I WAS prompted to write after reading the article in the Champion (February 8) about the appeal by Woodlands animal sanctuary for homes for cats.

In October 2015 my friend, who is a volunteer there, told me of a gentle old cat in bad shape which the sanctuary had taken in. She was skinny and in a bad state.

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I'm 74 now and not able to walk dogs anymore so I appreciate the fact that cats don't need the same amount of exercise.

She is company, makes me relax and I love her to bits.

Many thanks must go to Woodlands for uniting us and for all the good work they do in caring for all those animals.

Pauline O'Keefe, Ormskirk

We should never stop fighting to preserve our green space

I WOULD like to say a big thank-you to both the Aughton Residents Committee and Lancashire Council for continuing to fight to keep Aughton green and such a lovely place to live.

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There seems to be a lot of naivety in thinking that Redrow or Wainhomes would provide affordable housing.

They are more likely to keep this to the bare minimum. A range of four and five-bedroomed luxury homes which the minority could afford would be built for maximum profit to the house builder.

I hope we never stop fighting to keep our green space so that generations to come can enjoy it.

Concerned of Aughton, details supplied

Guest speaker Gail Godson (centre, wearing red) and members of the New Ormskirk Residents' Group with some of the 'twiddle muffs' that they have made

Residents' group given talk on living with dementia

MEMBERS of a non-political community campaign group enjoyed a talk and interactive session delivered by the manager of a local care provider for dementia sufferers.

Gail Godson of West Lancs-based Home Instead, which provides quality care to enable people with dementia to live at home independently for as long as possible, was guest speaker at the February meeting of the New Ormskirk Residents Group (NORG).

The well-attended event represented a departure from the usual monthly topics covered and was designed to highlight the fact that it is time to adjust to a new future in which dementia is part of all our lives – as carers, patients or just members of a society in which those living with the disease will have to integrate into communities, rather than living on the fringes.

Gail's background is steeped in health being a qualified nurse, midwife and having held senior NHS clinical roles.

Meanwhile members of the group, who liaise with council officers, police and Edge Hill University over a range of issues concerning the town, showed Gail the knitted 'twiddle muffs' that they have been making to donate to local dementia sufferers.

These are knitted hand warmers which feature items such as buttons, ribbons or textured fabric attached to keep dementia patients who may become agitated, busy with their hands.

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Marketing chiefs say campaign to boost visitor numbers is gaining momentum

OFFICIALS at Marketing Lancashire say their campaign to put the county's food and drink on the national culinary map is continuing to build momentum.

The organisation, which aims to grow the visitor economy and develop the destination as a great place to visit, work and invest, has been involved with a series of press features, a best-selling Lancashire cookbook, and received national recognition at the start of the year.

A visit from BBC Radio 4's flagship food and drink show, The Food Programme, which has more than two million listeners, saw presenter Sheila Dillon return to her Lancashire roots, while Olive magazine's four-page travel feature focussed on the thriving food and drink scene of the Ribble Valley.

And the Lancashire Cookbook, published in 2016 by Meze Publishing, and prefaced by Visit Lancashire, became a best-seller, beating Nigella Lawson, Yotam Ottolenghi and Jamie Oliver.

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Ruth Connor, chief executive of Marketing Lancashire, said: "There has been an undeniable step change in the awareness of Lancashire's exceptional food and drink offer.

"We are extremely proud of our producers, chefs and hospitality champions who work so hard to make and to serve the best.

"We are a force to be reckoned with when we collaborate, and pivotal events like our Lancashire Day pop-up lunch in London brought together some of Lancashire's finest chefs and producers, giving the UK's top journalists a taste of Lancashire and tempting them to visit us and see for themselves."

Food and drink is worth around £756m to Lancashire's visitor economy, accounting for 20% of all tourism revenue and is a key theme of the newly-launched #WeAreLancashire campaign telling the story of Lancashire's strengths and assets and is aimed at attracting more interest and investment to the region.

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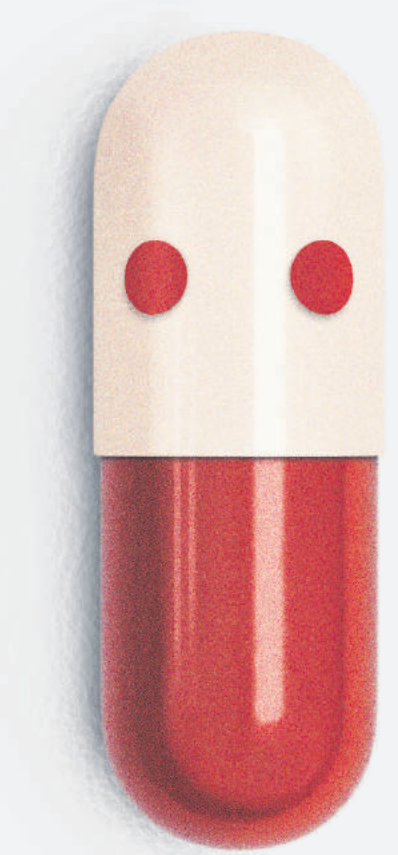

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WI group celebrates 95th birthday

MEMBERS of the Lathom & Burscough Women's Institute celebrated their 95th birthday with a meal at The Scullery Restaurant at Hurlston Hall Golf Complex.

The group has recently changed its name to include members living in the Burscough and Lathom area.

● RIGHT: Picture shows (from left) president, Lynn Smith, treasurer, Margaret Gardner and secretary, Gillian Norris, about to cut the appropriately-decorated birthday cake.

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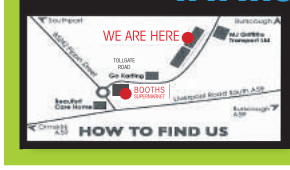

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I CAN'T be the only person totally mystified by the length of time it now seems necessary to complete tasks that somehow always seemed simple and routine.

As a local example of this last year the money was found to resurface a very short road near where I live. This road rarely sees any traffic larger than an occasional private car (if you discount the six-wheel diesel juggernauts that pick up material for recycling from time to time) along its perhaps 100-yard length.

A very nice job was made of it too. But the whole thing occupied weeks of work for various contractors, with disruption to those who live in the road, and to pedestrians trying to cross it. I'm pretty certain that the Romans could have completed several miles of Watling Street in the time it took!

And it's not just relatively small, local projects that are subjected to this lengthy process. During the Second World War a certain Mr Hitler dropped rather large bombs on the railway viaducts between Sandhills and the centre of Liverpool, and back then there were far more tracks than there are today. But he must have been very disappointed when the stalwart Liverpudlian rail workers completed repairs in 24 hours. Today, if an over-tall lorry even grazes a railway bridge (a 'bridge strike'!) the whole shebang is often shut down for several days.

In my native Maghull, a land mine (I think) was probably inadvertently dropped in the middle of a local hotel's bowling green but within days the crater had been filled with general rubble, the green resurfaced with grass and it ended up what was probably the best green locally because the hardcore meant it dried out very quickly after a rainstorm with the surface water transferring into the brook running more or less alongside.

The really big one at the moment is the planned HS2 and HS3 high-speed railway links between London and Scotland (neatly, as always, avoiding Merseyside). But, if like me you are in possession of your bus pass, then it's quite unlikely you will live to see the completion of this project as it will have taken decades before a spark flies.

How on earth can this be? With nothing but navvies using sweat and spades, the original line from Liverpool to London was built in the time already taken drawing and re-drawing the proposed route - and even when the line is complete (if it ever is) judging by today's standards it will take another three to five years to make sure the train works and teach people how to drive it.

Wind back to 1935 and the old LNER (London and North Eastern Railway) decided they needed a new, high-speed link from London to Newcastle, initially, and a year or so later, to Edinburgh. The board had a chat with their chief engineer, Sir Nigel Gresley and within months he had come up with his iconic streamlined A4 pacific locomotive, one of which, *Mallard*, still holds the world steam speed record 80 years later.

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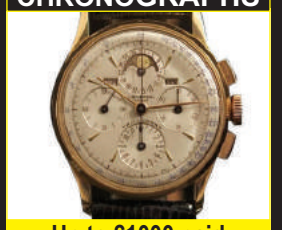

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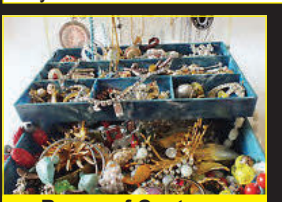

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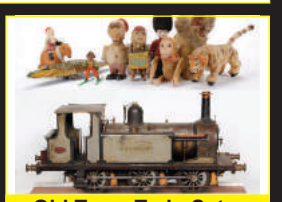

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Classic car club stalwart takes a back seat after 12 years in the chair

THE long-serving chairman of the West Lancs MG Owners' Club is stepping down to take on a less demanding role with the group.

Nigel Malyan, who has held the post for 12 years, stood down at the club's first committee meeting of the year at the Briars Hall Hotel in Lathom and has been succeeded by Ralph Greenhalgh.

Group spokesman, Steve Kirton said: "Ours is a very successful car club which is in its 38th year of bringing together friends owning and enjoying MGs and classic cars in West Lancashire.

"Congratulations to Ralph on his new appointment and thanks to Nigel, who will be taking a less demanding role on the committee.

"Thanks also go to Tom Harrison, who has joined the committee and takes over as membership officer, and a very big thank-you to Cam Cunningham who was voted in as honorary secretary for another three years, making it 18 years in office so far."

Right: Over to you...Nigel Malyan presents the chairman's gavel to his successor, Ralph Greenhalgh.

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Still time to have a say on council's draft 'green infrastructure' plan

THERE is still time for residents in West Lancashire to have their say on an important document with regards to green spaces and walking and cycling routes in the borough.

West Lancs Council is seeking the public's views on its draft Green Infrastructure and Cycling Strategy.

The strategy looks to establish a high-quality, accessible network for green infrastructure and cycling that links the borough's major settlements with one another and with visitor attractions.

Councillor John Hodson, the council's portfolio holder for planning, said "We have received a number of comments on the draft strategy but we really want to hear from as many people as possible, so if you haven't given your views already please get in contact with us.

"The strategy is an exciting vision that will help the council deliver impressive projects to improve the environment, enhance opportunities for recreation and provide further opportunities for travel other than by car, so it is important you give your comments."

Green infrastructure refers to the connected network of open spaces, green corridors and inland waterways around us and can deliver a range of benefits.

Councillor John Hodson

These include providing wildlife habitats and creating potential benefits for health and well-being.

It also aims to provide opportunities for sustainable forms of travel and leisure, particularly walking and cycling.

The Green Infrastructure and Cycling Strategy has a set of objectives and contains a wide range of potential future projects and initiatives.

Projects the council and partners will look to develop over the coming years include improvements to Tawd Valley Park in Skelmersdale, improvements to canal towpaths and delivering four linear parks.

The 'West Lancashire Wheel' would be created to form a circular route between Skelmersdale, Ormskirk, Burscough and Parbold by delivering two of the four linear parks (Skelmersdale-Ormskirk and Ormskirk-Burscough) and by adding to and improving existing cycle routes and canal towpaths.

The public consultation on the draft strategy ends on Friday, March 10.

To find out more and download the comment form, which must be used to submit views, go to the council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/gicstrategy.

You can also obtain a paper copy of the strategy and comments form from your local library, the council offices in Ormskirk or the council's customer service point in the Concourse Shopping Centre, Skelmersdale.

Completed comment forms can be emailed to localplan@westlancs.gov.uk or posted to: Strategic Planning and Implementation Team, West Lancashire Borough Council, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, L39 2DF.

For further information email the council's strategic planning and implementation team at localplan@westlancs.gov.uk or call 01695 585284 or 01695 585393.

All reasonable comments received will be considered in producing a final strategy.

Extra exhibition spaces available for artists at Chapel Galley

ARTISTS wishing to showcase their work in West Lancs are being invited to exhibit at the Chapel Gallery in Ormskirk.

The gallery has recently undergone a programme of redevelopment after successfully applying for funding from Arts Council England and now has additional exhibiting spaces available.

Submissions must be entered before April 1, to be shown in winter 2017/spring 2018.

The gallery is looking for entries in four exhibition themes - kaleidoscope, childhood/play, animals, and natural environment.

Artists can work in any media and to apply must send relevant links, images, their CV and a statement, by email to gallery officer, Ruth Owen at ruth.owen@westlancs.gov.uk.

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Call for new approach to borough's potholed roads

...but county transport chief says we're not getting a bad deal

MEMBERS of independent group Our West Lancashire (OWL) are calling for action from Lancashire County Council and a new approach to the potholed roads in the borough.

But the county's transport chief has said that West Lancs has been in the top three districts for planned spending on resurfacing in the last two years and is not getting a bad deal compared with other districts in the county.

OWL activist, Ian Davis, said: "Last year, our research uncovered that West Lancashire had the worst potholed roads in the county and recently it was revealed that Cottage Lane in Ormskirk was voted the worst road in England by long-suffering motorists. Thankfully, it has now been resurfaced, but clearly we need a new approach to tackling road repairs from the county council."

Fellow OWL member, Gordon Johnson, added: "Our West Lancashire are promoting a four-point action plan.

"Firstly, we need changes to the funding system, so that more money is spent in the parts of Lancashire where the roads are in worst condition. This would benefit West Lancs.

"Then we need to make sure that the repairs are completed 'right first time'."

The group would also like to see repairs done more quickly by employing staff to inspect road surfaces instead of relying on residents to report potholes.

And they would abandon the current system which sees potholes repaired in a strict list/priority order and instead fix all potholes in a neighbourhood at the same time to reduce travel time and costs.

However, County Councillor John Fillis, Lancashire's cabinet member for highways and transport, responded: "There was a period following last winter's floods when we received a lot of reports about damaged roads in West Lancashire, which had been badly affected, however we have now carried out the necessary repairs.

"Derby Street, Cottage Lane and Yew Tree Road in Ormskirk have all benefited from extensive maintenance in the last six months. The government has recognised that we are in the top three in the country for dealing with road maintenance calling Lancashire County Council 'exemplary'.

"West Lancashire has been in the top three districts for planned spending on resurfacing in the last two years, so is not getting a bad deal compared with other districts."

Our West Lancashire members Ian Davis and Gordon Johnson inspect a pothole in the borough

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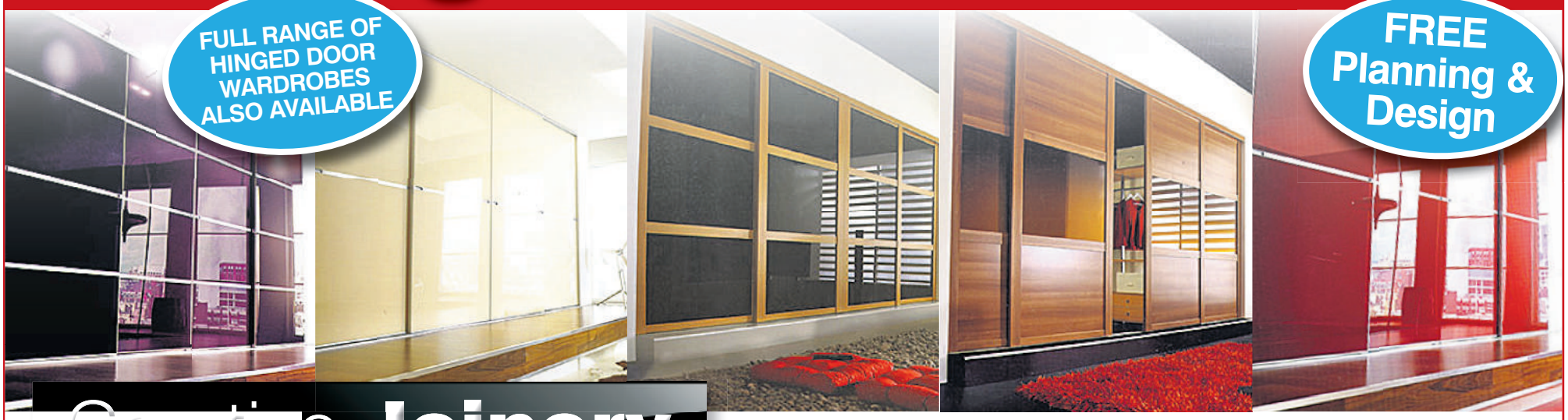

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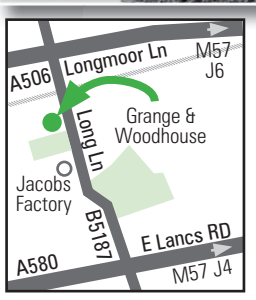

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New drive to recruit more foster carers

WITH around 20 children in the county needing homes each week, Lancashire County Council is again seeking to recruit new foster carers.

The authority has recently increased the allowances payable to new foster carers by at least £115 per week in recognition of their valuable role and the rising demand for placements.

Newly-approved foster carers can expect to receive between £241 and £415 for each child they care for.

People who may have considered fostering but weren't sure they could afford to are invited to an information evening to find out if it could now be a viable option.

This is being held tonight (Wednesday, February 22) starting at 6pm at County Hall, Pitt Street, Preston.

There's no need to book but you are asked to arrive early to avoid disappointment. There will be an opportunity to meet experienced social workers and current carers and ask questions.

The council is looking for people who can foster children of all ages, particularly siblings who need to stay together and teenagers. No formal experience or qualifications are needed, all they ask is that you have a spare room available and a desire to make a difference to a local child's life.

A package of support is available 24/7 to help foster carers in their role, including local support groups, their own social worker, a dedicated helpline and flexible training.

If you're unable to attend on the night but would like more information call the fostering recruitment team on 0300 123 6723 or visit the website at www.lancashire.gov.uk/fostering .

Valentine's Day treat for care home residents

RESIDENTS from two care homes enjoyed a romantic afternoon tea event on Valentine's Day.

The residents from Athena Health Care Group's homes, Abbey Wood Lodge in Ormskirk and Parklands Lodge in Southport teamed up for the event at the resort's Ramada Plaza Hotel, enjoying a selection of sandwiches, cakes, tea and coffee while listening to romantic music.

Residents and staff from the care homes at the Ramada Plaza Hotel in Southport

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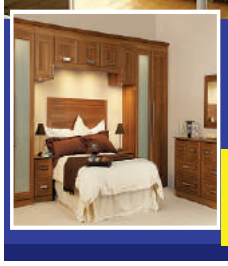

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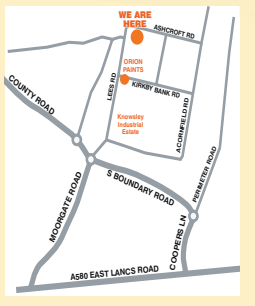

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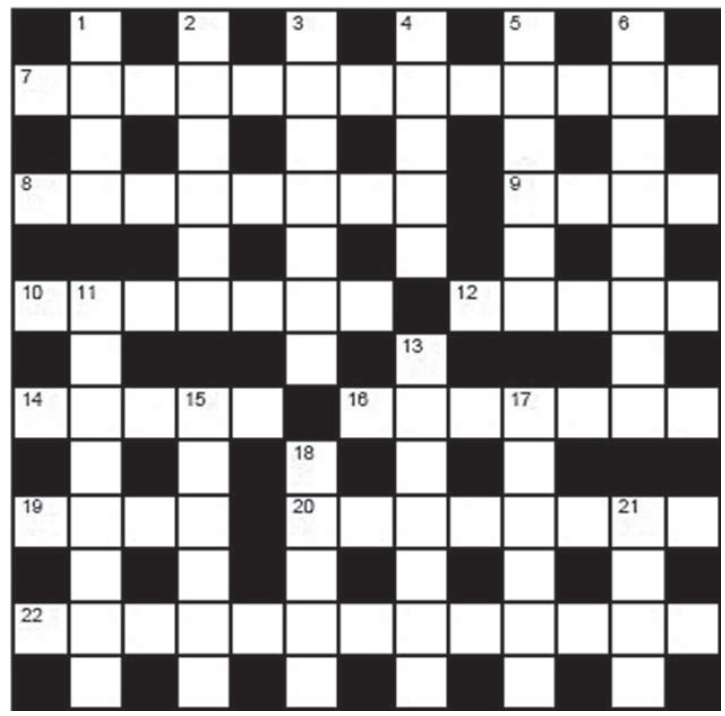

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7. The act of focusing all one's attention (13)
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Survey seeks users' views on county's mental health services

PEOPLE who use NHS community mental health services in Lancashire are being encouraged to take part in a survey to drive future service improvements.

Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust is carrying out the 2017 Community Mental Health Survey to find out what those who use these services think about the care they receive in order to improve people's experiences.

Dee Roach

The survey is led by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) as part of a national programme to improve mental health services for local populations.

This year the survey will be sent to 850 people aged 18 and over who have recently used the trust's services. The results will help the trust see where they are performing well and to identify any areas where there is room for improvement.

Those chosen to take part will receive a copy of the questionnaire to complete between February and June. The results of the survey will be presented in a form that does not allow any individual's answers to be identified.

Results of the survey will be published by the CQC in November 2017 and will be shared by the trust.

Dee Roach, Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust's executive director of nursing and quality, said: "We hope that the people who use our services will take the time to help us with this survey. Their views are vital in helping us to find out how we are doing and how we can improve. This is an excellent way for people to help shape the services we provide in the future."

Anyone with queries or concerns about the survey can contact Dawn Kenyon on 01772 695366 or email involvement@lancashirecare.nhs.uk.

Psychiatrist earns top regional award

A CONSULTANT Psychiatrist with the Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust has won an important regional award for his work in mental health.

Professor Nusrat Husain was named Clinical Research Role Model of the Year at the prestigious North West Coast Research and Innovation Awards 2017.

His nomination described his dedication to addressing inequalities in access to health care and clinical insightfulness as a research leader committed to addressing mental health inequalities in the UK. And his research into depression and self-harm which disproportionately affects low-income British South Asian women was particularly highlighted as having a powerful impact.

Professor Husain said: "It is a huge honour for myself, the trust and for Lancashire to receive this award. My work along with the very hard work and dedication of my team over the last 10 years focused on addressing the health inequalities within the Lancashire region. We have received a lot of support from the community."

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Chance to see comedian Jenny Eclair

FOLLOWING a sell-out 2016 tour, professional grumpy old woman, Splash survivor, amateur soup maker, and novice knitter Jenny Eclair extends her hit tour into the Spring of 2017 and she is back in Liverpool and the Champion has two pairs of tickets for her show to give away.

She is younger than Madonna but she eats crisps and likes wine, and is too young to die, but too old to stand near the edge in case she gets dizzy and falls over.

Professional Grumpy old woman Jenny Eclair announces How to Be a Middle-Aged Woman (Without Going Insane), which returns to St George's Hall's Concert Room on Sunday, March 5 by popular demand.

Tackling questions such as, is swearing better than crying, HRT or boxercise – you decide, Jenny takes to the stage to explore some of the rubbish that surrounds the ageing process.

To be in with a chance of winning the tickets answer the following question – where will Jenny Eclair be performing in Liverpool. Answers to Jenny Eclair competition, Clare House, 166 Lord Street, Southport, PR9 OQA by Wednesday, March 1 at 12 noon. The editor's decision is final.

Jenny Eclair

Win tickets to hit show

THE new 20th Anniversary production of Jonathan Larson's ground-breaking Pulitzer Prize- and Tony Award-winning musical RENT is coming to Liverpool and the Champion has tickets for the show to give away.

RENT will play the Liverpool Empire from Tuesday, February 28 to Saturday, March 4 and readers can win tickets to see the show on February 28 at 7.30pm only.

Jonathan Larson's musical, inspired by Puccini's opera La Bohème, won four Tony Awards, six Drama Desk Awards and the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 1996.

RENT ran on Broadway for 12 years, from 1996 to 2008.

Larson's world is inhabited by a group of bohemian artists who struggle to maintain their friendships and their non-conformist ideals in New York's East Village. Facing their problems head on, they make personal self-discoveries and find what really matters most in life.

A scene from Rent

To be in with a chance of winning the tickets, answer the following question – how many years did Rent run on Broadway? Answers to henry.james@champnews.com by 12noon on Friday, February 24. Please supply your address and a daytime contact number. The editor's decision is final.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 70(3) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 (the Act), that West Lancashire Borough Council intends to vary the maximum fees specified in Section 70(2) of the Act to be charged for the granting of private hire and hackney carriage driver, vehicle and operator licences with effect from the 1st April 2017 as follows:

	Existing (2016/17)	Proposed (2017/18)	Proposed fee comprised of (a) initial fee; and (b) successful application fee
Driver Licence Applications – Hackney Carriage, Private Hire and Dual			
Driver Licence New (3 year licence)*	£148.28	£149.57	N/A
Driver Licence Renewal (3 year licence)*	£98.86	£99.06	N/A
* Applications incur additional fees not set by the Council. These include online Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) enhanced disclosure, medical examination and DVLA mandate. The online DBS service includes a £9.60 validation fee plus the cost of the disclosure.			
Vehicle Licence Applications – Hackney Carriage and Private Hire			
Hackney Carriage – new (12 month licence - incl. plate)	£256.15	£211.71	(a) £84.91; (b) £126.80
Hackney Carriage – renewal (12 month licence - incl. plate)	£242.03	£199.82	(a) £73.02; (b) £126.80
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Private Hire Operator Licence Applications (5 year licence):			
1 - 10 Vehicles	£215.65	£178.29	(a) £99.04; (b) £79.25
11 - 20 Vehicles	£271.85	£275.37	(a) £102.06; (b) £173.31
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Over 50 Vehicles	£808.37	£810.29	(a) £176.31; (b) £633.98
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Re-sit Knowledge Test	£16.48	£18.81	N/A

A copy of this Notice will be displayed on the Council's website as well as deposited at Council Offices located at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and Robert Hodge Centre, Stanley Way, Skelmersdale. The Notice will be open to public inspection without payment for a period of twenty-eight (28) days from the date of publication of this Notice. Any objections or representations in respect of the above-mentioned variation of licence fees may be made in writing to the Director of Leisure and Wellbeing within the period specified above.

Dated: 22nd February 2017

Dave Tilleray, Director of Leisure and Wellbeing
West Lancashire Borough Council, Robert Hodge Centre, Stanley Way, Skelmersdale, Lancashire WN8 8EE
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THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO.S 11 AND 12, 63 (PART), ORMSKIRK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport has agreed to the above Order, which was due to expire on the 23rd February, 2017, remaining in force until the **23rd August, 2017**, or until the works are completed within this period. The effect of which is to temporarily prohibit any pedestrian from proceeding over those lengths of Public Footpath Nos. 11 and 12, 63 (part), Ormskirk, Borough of West Lancashire, indicated below:-

Public Footpath No. 11 Ormskirk, at its junction with Scarth Hill Lane near, Ormskirk, West Lancashire and running in a generally easterly, then north easterly direction for a distance of approximately 253 metres to Point B (GR SD 4311 0697) and its junction with Whiteleys Lane, Ormskirk, West Lancashire.

Part of FP12 Ormskirk, West Lancashire commencing at Threfalls Farm, Ormskirk at Point C (GR SD 4328 0741) and running in a generally northerly direction for a distance of approximately 445 metres to Point D (GR SD 4346 0781) at its junction with Crosshall Brow, Ormskirk West Lancashire.

Part of FP63 Ormskirk, West Lancashire commencing from its junction with Crosshall Brow, Ormskirk, West Lancashire at Point E (GR SD 4289 0799) and running in a generally north, then north easterly direction for a distance of approximately 490 metres to Point F and its junction with the dismantled railway line, Ormskirk, West Lancashire.

The temporary closure is necessary whilst works are carried out on or near the footpaths.

Access for pedestrians to any premises situated on or adjacent to the footpaths, or to any other premises accessible for pedestrians from, and only from, the footpath, will be maintained at all times.

Nothing in the order shall apply to emergency service vehicles

I YOUNG, Director of Governance,
Finance & Public Services, Christ Church Precinct, County Hall, PRESTON, PR1 8XJ

NOT PART OF THE STATUTORY NOTICE

The plan on site shows the route to be closed as A-B & C-D & E-F. Lancashire County Council is informed that there is an alternative route available for the closure of footpath 11 Ormskirk only using Scarth Hill Lane, then Whiteleys Lane, Ormskirk, West Lancashire. The alternative route has not been inspected in connection with this closure. Please contact the Rights of Way Team on 01772 532613 if necessary.

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Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2017/0018/FUL Construction of a portal frame pack house/processing facility, additional car parking on existing hard-standing, hard-standing for HGV movements and sustainable drainage system, for use in conjunction with existing mixed use of agriculture and processing and packaging of agricultural produce. Additional external works forming part of the development include an irrigation pond, detention basin and reed bed along with water pumps and septic tank at Len Wrights Salads Ltd, Hazeldene, Taylors Meanygate, Tarleton.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2016/1134/FUL Erection of one detached dwelling at Brooklands, 30 Parliament Street, Up Holland.
Application No: 2016/1135/LBC Listed Building Consent - Erection of one detached dwelling at Brooklands, 30 Parliament Street, Up Holland.
Application No: 2017/0078/FUL Garage conversion to habitable accommodation (retrospective) and increase to width of existing hardstanding to the front of the property at 32 Ainscough Drive, Burscough,
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.
Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Director of Development and Regeneration — Dated: 22nd February 2017 PDNOT936

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH NOS. 2 AND 62 BICKERSTAFFE, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport has agreed to the above Order, which was due to expire on the 1st March, 2017, remaining in force until the 1st September, 2017, or until the works are completed within this period. The effect of which is to temporarily prohibit any pedestrian from proceeding over those lengths of Public Footpath Nos. 2 & 62 Bickerstaffe, Borough of West Lancashire, indicated below:-

Public Footpath No. 2 Bickerstaffe, West Lancashire, commencing from Point A (GR SD 4314 0561) at its junction with High Lane, Bickerstaffe, West Lancashire, and running in a generally north westerly direction for a distance of approximately 654 metres to Point B (GR SD 4260 0598) and its junction with Cropper Lane, Bickerstaffe, West Lancashire.

Public Footpath No. 62 Bickerstaffe, West Lancashire, commencing from Point C (GR SD 4287 0418) at its junction with Liverpool Road, West Lancashire and running in a generally north westerly direction for a distance of approximately 865 metres to Point D (GR SD 4229 0483) at its junction with Graveyard Lane, Bickerstaffe, West Lancashire.

The temporary closure is necessary whilst works are carried out on or near the footpaths.

Access for pedestrians to any premises situated on or adjacent to the footpath, or to any other premises accessible for pedestrians from, and only from, the footpath, will be maintained at all times.

Nothing in the order shall apply to emergency service vehicles

I YOUNG
Director of Governance, Finance & Public Services
Christ Church Precinct, County Hall, PRESTON, PR1 8XJ

NOT PART OF THE STATUTORY NOTICE

The plan on site shows the routes to be closed as A – B and C - D. Lancashire County Council is informed that no alternative routes are available. Please contact the Rights of Way Team on 01772 532613 if necessary.

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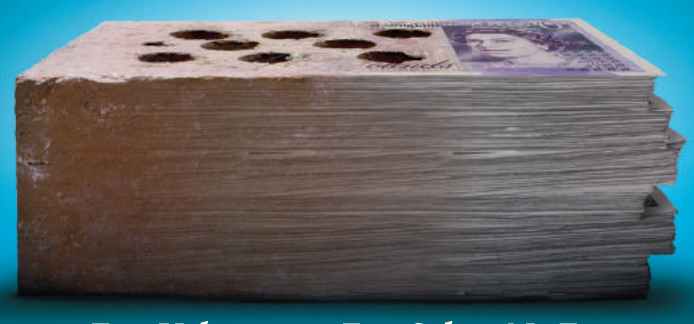

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Announcements

DEATHS

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Requiem Mass to be held at St. Annes Church Ormskirk on Thursday 23rd February 2017 at 12:00 noon followed by Committal at West Lancashire Crematorium at 1:45pm Family Flowers only but donations if so desired to Alzheimers Society all enquires to Hunters Funeral Directors 128B Burscough Street, Ormskirk, L39 2EY Tel: 01695 572997

ROWAN (TAGGART/ BATTERSBY) CAROL ANNE

11th February 2017
Peacefully in hospital
Aged 67 years

Much loved Mum of Lynda, Robert, Pamela, Jennifer, Angela, Gillian. Mother in law of Graham, Karen, Graham, Bryan and Ash. Devoted Nan to all her Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren. Loving Sister of Christine, Paula, Pat and Andrew, Sybil, Pat and Jean. Carol will be sadly missed by all her family and friends and all who knew her. Funeral Service and Committal will take place at St. Helen's Crematorium at 1pm on Friday 3rd March 2017. Family flowers only by request but the family are receiving donations for Macmillan Cancer Support. Further enquiries to Co-operative Funeralcare, 22c Wigan Road, Ormskirk L39 2AU. Tel: 01695 577244

OLIVER DENNIS

13th February 2017
Peacefully in Hospital
Aged 73 years.

Devoted Husband of Pauline, much loved Father of Anne-Louise and Debi, Grandfather of Lindsay, Matthew and Elena. Will be sadly missed by family, friends and neighbours. Funeral service at SS Peter and Paul's Church Crosby on Friday 24th February at 12:15pm followed by Cremation at Thornton Crematorium, family flowers only please. Donations if desired to St. Joseph's Hospice or Freshfield Animal Rescue c/o H. Leslie Humphreys, Funeral Directors 69 Liverpool Road, Crosby, Liverpool L32 5SE Telephone: 0151 924 4805

DEATHS

DAVIES THOMAS (TOM)

16th February 2017
Aged 93 years.
Passed away suddenly in hospital.

Much loved Husband of the late Hedwig (Hedi), dear Brother of the late Charles, Jane, Florence and James. Brother-in-law to Helga and Uncle to Vera, Tony, Gary and Beverley. Tom was an ex-railway employee of more than 40 years' standing. Funeral Service at Southport Crematorium on Wednesday 1st March at 3:20pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Leukaemia & Myeloma Research UK, a charity supported by Tom for many years in memory of his late Wife. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

LANG NEIL

16th February 2017
Peacefully in Hospital, surrounded by his family,
Aged 80 years

Loving Partner of Rosa. Devoted Dad of Moira, Jacqueline and the late Jeanette. Neil will be sadly missed by all of his family and friends.
The Funeral Service and Committal will take place on Thursday 2nd March 2017 at 1:00pm at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough. Family flowers only by request please, but donations are being gratefully received by the family for Merseyside Asbestos Victims' Support Group. Further enquiries please to Cookson Tyrer Funeral Directors, 2 Smithy Walk, Burscough, Lancashire, L40 5UU Tel: 01704 897770

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DEATHS

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All enquires to Graham J Clegg Funeral Service 0151 520 3330.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

GATEWOOD WILLIAM 'BILL'

Eileen and the family would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for their many kind messages of condolence, prayers and donations to The Salvation Army and Claire House Children's Hospice during their recent bereavement.
A special word of thanks also to Warren Park nursing home for all the loving care Bill received there.
Many thanks also to H Leslie Humphreys Funeral Directors for their dignified funeral arrangements.

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If we could have one wish today Dad, it wouldnt be for wealth, but just to be together again, in good and perfect health.
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You are always on my mind. Love and miss you.
Your loving wife Joyce. xxx

PRAYERS

Saint Jude's Novena

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us, St. Jude worker of miracles pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless pray for us.

Say this prayer 9 times a day. By the 8th day your prayers may be answered. Say it for 9 days and it has never been known to fail.

Publication must be promised. Thank you St. Jude

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Light your candle and declare out loud what miracle you need right now. Repeat this prayer 9 times for 9 days. Do this at the same time each day, never skip a day. If you do, you need to start over again. On the 9th day give thanks, and say "So be it." Give it up to Saint Jude and let go of any worry. You will see results in 72 hours. Never use this prayer to manipulate or control anyone. Use it only with the best intentions.

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A.M.

Sacred Heart

May the sacred heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world forever.

Now and forever, Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us.

Saint Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us.

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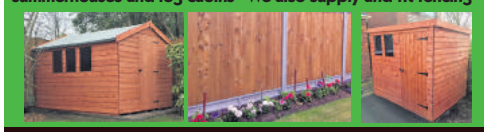

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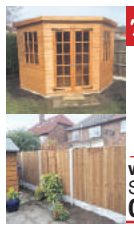

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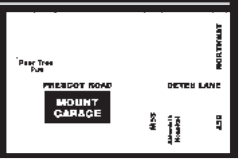

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Skem left licking their wounds as opponents prove too strong

By **Neil Leatherbarrow**

Hednesford Town 5
Skelmersdale United 0

AFTER a couple of promising performances United were left licking their wounds as their Staffordshire opponents proved too strong.

The game was effectively decided at half-time as Hednesford scored three in the opening 45 minutes.

Just six minutes had elapsed when Hednesford got their first. Stuart McNaught had a shot saved but the rebound fell to George Washbourne who steered the ball home.

Hednesford continued to press and Cheetham made a fine save on 14 minutes, standing his ground when David McDermott was put into a one on one situation.

A neat move down the right saw the ball delivered low across the 18 yard line, midfielder McNaught arrived late on the scene and lashed a shot across the penalty area through a forest of legs into the bottom corner to make it 2-0.

Skem's Michael Vaughan-Muscat showed a wonderful piece of vision in the middle of the park when putting a 30 yard ball straight through the Hednesford defence.

Remmy Howarth sprinted onto it and rounded home goalkeeper Dan Crane but took a slightly heavy touch allowing home defender Nat Brown to get a toe to the ball. Crane was forced to lay the ball back to Jack Watts and his shot was blocked.

Skem did a lot better for the next 20 minutes, but things turned against them on 44 minutes when the referee gave Hednesford a free-kick right on the edge of the penalty area.

Glover hit the free-kick and Cheetham failed to hold, the ball dropping to Dan Brenan who scored.

Vaughan-Muscat went close with a clever shot on the turn on 56 minutes, but it was all over for Skem two minutes later when Cheetham miskicked a back pass and Glover was able to net easily.

In the 70th minute Skem's Vaughan-Muscat was given a straight red card for a high challenge on McDermott.

It led to a brawl in the middle of the pitch and two Hednesford players were booked.

To rub some salt into Skelmersdale's wounds, three minutes later McDermott got on the end of a Washbourne cross to make it 5-0.

Both teams facing 'must win' games

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SKELMERSDALE United and Burscough arguably face 'must win' matches on Saturday and both have a good chance of getting three points.

Skelmersdale entertain fellow strugglers Sutton Coldfield Town and Burscough who have picked up four points out of the last six are at home to Hyde United, both games kick off at 3pm.

Skelmersdale United manager Alan Rogers will be tackling his fifth game in the dug-out and although his first two games showed plenty of promise, both against footballing outfits, Saturday saw Skem lack the physicality to cope with a bigger, stronger Hednesford side and hence highlighted some of the problems he will face if he is to lift the Skem team.

Saturday's opposition are not a big side like Hednesford, plus they don't have the best of away records, out of14 games they have lost 10, so they should suit Skelmersdale's strength, fast passing football. Skelmersdale were due to have played at home last night against Matlock Town a club they drew 1-1 against back in August, but at the time of going to print we don't know the result of that one.

Burscough have won 2-0 against AFC Goole and drawn 1-1 at Brighouse Town and were only denied victory in Yorkshire last weekend by a superb late save, so they will go into the Hyde game with confidence probably as high as it has been all season.

Hyde sit in a mid-table 13th position with 40 points from 31 matches, leaving them neither in the promotion race or in danger of the drop so may well be vulnerable to a Burscough team that have shown a good collective spirit since Christmas.

The Linnets' scheduled game for last night at Glossop North End was postponed because of a waterlogged pitch. So that will also give manager Keith McCann time to prepare for the visit of Hyde.

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Linnets battled for point - and nearly took all three

Brighouse Town 1
Burscough 1

A VERY thin on the ground Burscough brought back an impressive point against promotion hopefuls.

They could even have snatched all three points deep into added time, as only a superb save by Brighouse goalkeeper Thomas Taylor kept out Joe Nicholson.

Under pressure for much of the game, Burscough went behind in the 19th minute then doggedly held on as Brighouse pressed for a second goal.

The Linnets finished strongly though and they levelled 14 minutes from the end before coming so close to grabbing victory.

The Brighouse goal came as the result of some over-elaborate passing in the Burscough midfield, not for the first time in recent weeks.

Adam Baker pounced on the loose ball in the centre-circle before swiftly heading for the Linnets goal and tidily slotting the ball across goalkeeper Ritchie Mottram and low into the net.

Just before the half-hour Joe Nicholson was put in alongside a home defender who was hustling him all the way to the edge of the Brighouse box, from where his shot was pushed away by 'keeper Taylor.

In the quarter-hour before the interval despite more of the possession the best the Yorkshiremen could produce was a shot from Michael Fish that went wide of the Linnets goal and a header from Ben Wharton that really should have troubled Mottram much more than it did, both initiated by excellent runs down the right by Baker a recent signing for Brighouse from Tadcaster Albion.

Wharton hit the Burscough crossbar on 56 minutes and Mottram made a couple of good near-post saves in the period after half-time as Brighouse continued to press, but again they found the Linnets a determined bunch.

There was to be no victory salvo from Brighouse and everything changed in the 76th minute. Joe Nicholson played a raking ball out high onto the right, Sean Richards headed it into the penalty area, from where Adam Gilchrist took one touch to control the ball and a second to sweep it into the Brighouse goal for the equaliser.

Linnets keeper Ritchie Mottram snubs out a Brighouse attack
Picture by Steve Ambler

In the next three minutes Wharton shot wide and headed wide, but gradually Burscough got more of the play and Josh Nicholson put a dipping one just over the home crossbar in the 86th minute.

On 89 minutes Gilchrist fired just wide of the Brighouse goal.

Then three minutes into added time Richards combined with Phil Bannister on the right and the latter put Joe Nicholson in, goalkeeper Thomas saving with an outstretched right-foot.

And just to emphasise how close Burscough had gone to winning, the referee blew for full-time as Brighouse punted the ball clear.

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